

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Nov 55	2. LOCATION Laveta, Color ^{ado}		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>25/1630Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE unk	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shaped like a dirigable, slightly barrel shaped, large front end, tapering toward the tail, greenish blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed made of jelly like substance. No sound, no exhaust, at about 15,000 feet elev. Weather CAVII.			11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED

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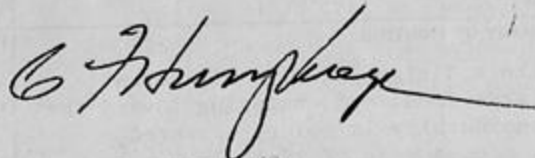
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HQ AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Ohio

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



C. F. HUMPHREYS
Major, USAF
Asst Command AIC

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

14D 24-314

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted by
[REDACTED] near La Veta, Colorado,
25 November 1955
SPECIAL INQUIRY

25 JAN 1956

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado

1. The Honorable [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Colorado State Senate, in a letter written to the Denver Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations, dated 5 December 1955, stated that on or about 25 November 1955 he had seen an unidentified object in the vicinity of La Veta, Colorado.

2. The Denver Office, FBI, referred the matter to this office by letter, dated 9 December 1955. Two attempts were made by this office to contact [REDACTED] at his home in Walsenburg, Colorado.

3. On 12 January 1956, Special Agent JAMES A. ROGERS, of this office, interviewed Senator [REDACTED] at the Senate Chambers, Colorado State Capitol Building. Senator [REDACTED] verified the date and location where he had seen the object. He described the object as being shaped like a dirigible, slightly barrel-shaped with a large front end and tapering toward the tail. He compared the object when he observed it in the sky to three-fourths of the diameter of a fifty gallon barrel and approximately twice the length with a tapering tail. He said that the object was greenish-blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed to be of a jelly-like substance and had no distinguishable features. The object did not make any sound nor was any exhaust or trail made. He estimated that the object was approximately 15,000 feet elevation above sea level, traveled about ten miles during his observation and suddenly disappeared from view over Mt. Nestas. He estimated that the object was in his sight for approximately five seconds and he estimated the speed of the object as being about one-half the speed of a meteorite. He stated that the object suddenly appeared from view almost overhead diving at approximately a 45 degree angle, leveled off and ascended at approximately a 30 degree angle until its disappearance. He stated that the flight line of the object would have been from southwest to northeast. He estimated the altitude of the object approximately 7000 to 8000 feet. He said that the time of the sighting was approximately 1030 hours 25 November 1955, that there was an unlimited ceiling, and that there were no clouds or thunderstorms in the area. In conclusion, Senator [REDACTED] stated

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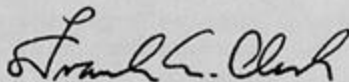
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that it is his belief that Mr. and Mrs. J. [REDACTED], owners of the Alpine
Cafe, Walsenburg, Colorado, had also observed an unidentified object on the
same date and that it could possibly have been the same one that he had ob-
served.

4. On 18 January 1956, S/A LEONARD F. REDDISH, of this office, inter-
viewed Mr. and Mrs. J. [REDACTED], Walsenburg, Colorado. The [REDACTED] stated
that on or about 1 December 1955 when driving approximately twenty-nine miles
south of Pueblo at 1600 hours they observed an unidentified flying object.
[REDACTED] stated that his attention was called to the object by what could be
called a vapor trail. He said that the object appeared to be white in color,
was shaped roughly like a cigarette with a pure white color, apparently glow-
ing at the top. He said that they observed the object for approximately
twenty minutes and that its movement was too slow for a jet. He said that
there were no clouds in the sky on that day and there is no normal air travel
in that area. He said that the last he saw of the object was when he was
approaching Walsenburg when it apparently disappeared over Mt. Baldy.

5. This letter is classified [REDACTED] pursuant to authority con-
tained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.



FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir. OSI

NOVEMBER 1955 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Nov	Hungary	Civilian	Insufficient Data
1	Solidad, California	McWhorter	Astro (JUPITER)
1	Corpus Christi, Texas	Cunningham	Insufficient Data
1	Lakeland, Florida	Brown	Aircraft
2	Elmira, New York	Sinnott	Aircraft
2	Ocala, Florida	Brooks	Aircraft
4	Beatrice, Nebraska	Roy	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
5	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Digman	Aircraft
6	Dade City, Florida	Deal, Stewart	Astro (METEOR)
7	Jefferson, Texas	Bogan	Insufficient Data
7	Atlantic Ocean	Military Air	Astro (MOON/REFRACTION)
8	Idaho	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
9	Dover AFB, Delaware	Military	Aircraft
10	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	Military	Astro (REGULUS & JUPITER)
12	Glen Avon, California	Godfrey	Aircraft
14	Barrington, New Jersey	Martin	Insufficient Data
14	Deming, New Mexico (CASE MISSING)	Commercial Airlines	Aircraft
17	St Louis, Missouri	Mapes	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Glen Avon, California	Lee	Aircraft
20	Lake City, Tennessee	Multi (Civ & Mil)	UNIDENTIFIED
20	Boston Massachusetts	Dearborn	Aircraft
21	Van Dyke, Michigan	Bates	Insufficient Data
21	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Allen	Balloon
21	Washingtonville, New York	Tuthill	
	Brooklyn, New York	Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
22	Santa Anna, California	Beckathorn	Astro (METEOR)
24	Hokkaido, Japan	Military Air	Astro (MOON/REFRACTION)
25	LaVeta, Colorado	Senator Taylor	UNIDENTIFIED
25	Lomax, Illinois	Nixon (PHOTO)	Astro (PARHELIA)
28	Cleveland, Ohio	Hitchcock	Insufficient Data

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
28	Hong Kong, China (CRIPO)		